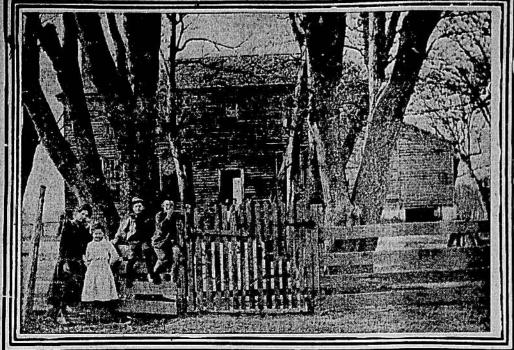
THE BIRTHPLACE OF MARTHA WASHINGTON

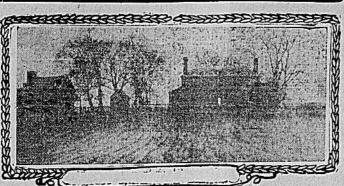




MARTHA WASHINGTON.

HESTNUT GROVE, the birthplac of Martha Dandridge, who first married Daniel Parke Custis and Colonel George Washington, is standing to-day.
It is situated in New Kent, about

five miles from the county seat, on the banks of the Pamunkey River. The old mansion, in which Mrs. Washing-ton first saw the light, attests its ex-treme old age by the nails, lumber and le of construction. Colonel R. P. Cook, who was bor



lower floor to the right going in is the one in which she first saw the

NORTH FRONT OF MRS. WASHINGTON'S HOME

can be seen from the Southern Railroad, running between Richmond and
West Point. Tradition says that the
presidential mansion in Washington,
D. C., was named from the home of
Mrs. Custis, afterwards Mrs. Washington, the wife of the first President
of the United States.

After Colonel Washington and Mrs.

Custis were married they lived at
Mount Vernon until the Revolution.
Her neighbors, while she lived in New
Kent, were no mean sort, for among
them were the Claibornes, Lewises,
Webbs, Bassetts, Macons and many
others whose names are still familiar
in this section of Virginia.



Kate Mason Rowland sends us which, we agree with her in thinking, ers of the Confederate Column, and

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state of our affairs in Virginia, which so rapidly followed, rendering it so very uncertain whether a letter addressed to you at Charlottesville would reach you, I delayed until your reply to C's letter should inform me of your present place of sojourn. For a week or two past I have been engaged in official delies on the circuit. It is needless that I should tell you how much and how constantly we all sympathize with you and the dear young ladies in the sorrows incident to your exile, your wanderings and the perils to

lightened our sorrow in the past year, and have by their uniform and untiring goodness bound us to them with hooks of steel.

IThe "sorrow" alluded to was the death at the Fauquier Springs, from fever, of the eldest son if the family, a gallant Confederate soldier.]

We suffer with you and them, and would regard it a precious privilege to be permitted to lighten the burden of those so dear to us. I have never been able to hear a word of or from Capiain Fitzhugh and my cousins, his sisters-in-law, who constitute a part of his family. Can you tell me what has become of Mrs. Dr. Scott-good, compassionate, generous Mrs. Seemes (the old lady), and Miss Virginia, both of, whom, as I understand it, remained at Warrenton with Mr. Payne's children. Boor, dear Warrenton! I weep with grief, and indignation, too, over its fate. But oh! the shame, the bitter mortification of the fall of New Orleans? Poor Mr. and Mrs. Semmes! What a blow this must be to them. Whatever harm the mean malignity of these contemptible wretches can inflict upon him as a member of the Confederate government and one of the leaders in the secession of Louisiana, by the destruction of his property or his library, or the desecration of his home, the infamous tyrant who holds sway in that glorious city will surely accomplish. I think General Lovell is unjustly blamed. He seems to have done everything which the resources of his command permitted. But New Orleans, glorious throughout all this struggle for the heroic devetion of its people, men and women, to the cause of our slorious throughout all this struggle for the heroic devetion of its people, men and women, to the cause of our country, as well in adversity as in prosperity, though a captive, is yet unconquered. I cannot coubt that her queenly wrath will yet take terrific vengeance upon the dastard, who has never yet faced a foe, but dares insult the boar of her reselvent

the nonor of her peeriess women. God hasten it, and give his hateful life to the glbbet or the knife.

I have had one letter during the last fur months from Mrs. Ives, the only one since she left Virginia. It was dated April 21, and written at Montgomery, where she and her children, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Semmes, then Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Semmes, then the summer at some one of the in-terior towns of Georgia, but had not suppose still, Captain Ives was on

our coast.
You may be sure that I did not read without anxious interest of the battle on the Peninsula, in which the Seventeenth Virginia was engaged and distinguished itself. And that I was greatly relieved upon reading the honorable catalogue of casualites to discover that "our cousin" was unharmed. (If I were still a young and unmarried man I am not sure I would have been so glad!) Our community has been stirred somewhat by the entrance of the enemy's gunboats into our river at and saw the last of the Confederates leave Williamsburg. We followed leisurely, and as we left one end of the town the Yankees entered the other. On the retreat we had a few skirmishes with the Yankee cavalry. leave Williamsburg. We followed leisurely, and as we left one end of the town the Yankees entered the other. On the retreat we had a few skirmishes with the Yankee cavalry, We have done a good deal of hard work, but have not been engaged in the battle of Saturday and Sunday. But I must close, as it is sunset and I have several miles to ride before dark. Present my kind regards to the young ladles, and with many kind wishes for your welfare, allow me to subscribe myself,

Sincerely your friend.

freshets which have been so unusually frequent this year to extend their year of the your and in this town something near, 10,000 baies of cotton and at least as might constitute a strong temptation, if the robbers have not yet learned that the torch is certain to anticipate their rapacity. I hope we will "take joyfully the spoiling of our goods" if necessary to dafeat their schemes of plunder. I am sure I could dance with delight over not only my cotton (all

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